- Special thrust to rural and small tourism development; and
- To concentrate on issues relating to social and cultural values, good behaviour and civic administration and better administration.

Negligence of ASI

†2201. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that historical memorials, sites and heritages scattered throughout the country are facing danger to be ruined because of negligent attitude;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the situation has become grave as Archaeological Survey of India is not discharging its responsibilities;

(d) if so, whether Government are going to take some concrete steps to do away with the prevailing discrepancies therein and to make it accountable; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (e) No, Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India has 3606 Centrally Protected Monuments which are being maintained with the available resources as per archaeological norms.

Allocation of funds for Temples in Madurai

2202. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of popularity and importance of Meenakshi Amman Temple and Lord Karthik Temple at Tirupurakundram in Madurai;

(b) if so, whether any special funds are allocated by Archaeological Survey of India for their maintenance every year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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